CLAIMS:

1   1. A system for communicating data and protecting rights therein, comprising:

2   at least one user device for receiving data;

3   a server in communication with said at least one user device and including a trusted lock;

4   a rights management engine for determining user rights in said data;

5   a storage device for storing said data; and

6   a storage device for recording an audit trail.

1   2. A system according to claim 1, wherein said server, rights management engine, data

2 storage and audit trail storage are in a secure location separate from the user device so that trusted

3 services including trusted timing, auditing and copying are performed in a secure environment.

1   3. The system according to claim 1, wherein said user device includes a storage device for

2 holding data which is released under instructions from said server.

1   4. The system according to claim 1, wherein said server and user device are connected

2 through a wireless connection.

1   5. The system according to claim 4, wherein said wireless connection is an "always on"

2 connection.

1   6. A method of communicating data from a server to a user device and protecting rights

2 therein, comprising:

3   authenticating identification of said server and said user device;

4   requesting data to be communicated;

5   authorizing said data to be communicated based on rights attributed to said user device;

6   recording said authorization to provide for billing information and an audit trail;

7   communicating said data to said user device.

1   7. The method according to claim 6, wherein said data is communicated to said user

2 device and stored therein and rendered in sections according to instructions communicated from

3 said server.

1   8. The method according to claim 6, wherein communication between said server and said

2 user device is a wireless communication.

1   9. The method according to claim 8, wherein said wireless communication is an "always

2 on" connection.

1   10. The method according to claim 6, wherein said authorization step is performed by a

2 digital rights management engine in communication with said server.

1   11. The method according to claim 6, wherein said recording step is performed in a

2 storage device to record authorization along with time and other information in order to provide a

3 trusted audit trail, which is based on trusted time and a trusted third party to sign the recording.

1   12. The method according to claim 6, wherein said data is originally stored in a content

2 storage device connected to said server.

1   13. A rights secure communication device for providing data to a user device comprising:

2   a server;

3   a data storage device connected to said server for storing said data; and

4   a digital rights management engine connected to said server for determining rights

5   attributed to users.

1   14. The communication device according to claim 13, further comprising a secure storage

2   device for recording authorization of data communication in a secure audit trail.

1   15. The communication device according to claim 13, wherein data is sent from said

2   server to a user through a wireless communication system.

1   16. The communication device according to claim 15, wherein said wireless

2   communication system is a "always on" connection.

1   17. A mobile terminal system for receiving protected data, comprising:

2   a wireless connection including a transmitter and receiver for communicating with a server

3   which stores protected data, stores data relating to rights to use said protected data and the

4   storage device for recording transactions relating to said protected data;

5   a decryption engine for decrypting encrypted data sent from said server through said

6   wireless connection;

7   a display device for displaying said protected data to a user of said mobile terminal.

1   18.   The method according to claim 17, wherein said mobile terminal includes a data

2   storage device for temporarily storing protected data.

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1   19.   A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium and executable by

2   a computer to communicate data having protected rights, comprising:

3   communicating wirelessly with a mobile terminal controlled by a user;

4   determining rights of said user in protected data using a rights management engine;

5   recording an audit trail of communications with said mobile terminal in a storage device.

1   20.   A computer program according to claim 19, further comprising storing said

2   protected data in a secure location separate from said mobile terminal wherein all operations

3   regarding said protected data are performed in a secure environment.